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MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE N' ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

Minutes of October 21, 2018

President Ron Selfors called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon Missouri.

Invocation: Dave Byers

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Roll Call: Penny Byers. Full Quorum achieved. (7 Executive Board / 15 District Directors / 10 Staff & Past Presidents) Guests: Ruth Ann Reynolds, new Doin's Circulation Manager; Shirley Winans; SW District Secretary, Roslie Mogerman, Central District; John & Dorothy Robin and Jim & Donna Barks (in charge of the meal), SE District, & Mary Pitts' sister from California.

President Ron Selfors thanked the hosts, SE District and all their clubs for a fun Federation dance and a great lunch.

Approval of Minutes: President Selfors asked for corrections or additions to the August minutes. Edythe Weber moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of July 31, 2018 of \$7,150.92. Since the last meeting we've had Revenue of \$1,446.43 and Expenses of \$2,859.93. The ending checking account balance as of September 30, 2018 is \$5,737.42. Total CDs and interest amounted to \$50,467.32 for Total Funds on hand of \$56,204.74. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

I moved matured Security Bank CD to Academy (24months @ 2.68% APY)

Membership and Club Longevity: Rosa Davis reported we have 49 clubs; only have 3 districts that have paid dues.

Correspondence: Penny Byers reporting. Get well soon card was passed around for Sharon White. Sympathy card was passed around for Van Greenwood family.

Boundaries and Relations: Ray and Vicki Wittman. No report.

Constitution and Bylaws: Merle Hall. The 501c3 amended copy was sent out.

Publications: Carol Morris reporting. We had 181 (includes 12 callers), signed in to the Doin's benefit dance this morning. We raised \$562.10 (after expenses) for the Doin's. We had 30 renewals and 1 new subscription.

DOIN'S Editor: Edythe Weber reporting.

The next deadline is November 25 for the January/February 2019 issue. I know we all have better things to do than to work on Doin's articles, so please send early. Read the Editor's notes in the Nov/Dec issue and make sure we have everything we need from your club: 1) 2019 dance schedules 2) Updated location listing 3) Check contact listing in the club directory 4) New officers if your district president contact info has changed.

The first "electronic" subscription version was sent out with the Sept/Oct issue, articles and all. I had one funny person who told me they had trouble working the word search. I almost believed them.

Jim has been working with Ruth Ann Reynolds, teaching her the circulation manager job. Give Ruth Ann some space and a little time to get comfortable in her new role. Thanks Ruth Ann for volunteering.

We are having some trouble with the club article form sending from the web. If you use it, please send me a separate note that you used it, so that I can check with Dan if I didn't get it. Dan is very good about forwarding me info he gets. We are still trying to figure out what is causing the problem. I always send a reply to you that we got your item, article, whatever it is. If you DO NOT get a reply within a few days, contact me. But please, do use the forms for sending items in for the Doin's. They are available on the web at www.squaredancemissouri.com. Click on Federation Information, then Show Me Doin's. Send direct from the web or print out.

DOIN'S Circulation: Ruth Ann Reynolds reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S since last meeting were 296, 2 exchange copies and 17 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing of 315.

We received 55 renewals, 9 new subscriptions and 0 copies went to new students. We will be sending out 28 postcards to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire with the Nov/Dec issue. The electronic copy of the Doin's is now available. You must complete and sign form to receive via Email.

Financial report: The balance brought forward was \$100.00 with a total income of \$615.00 (from subscriptions). Expense of postage and supplies amounted to \$5.60. A check for \$609.40 was given to the Federation. The ending balance is \$100.

DOIN'S Advertising: Dave Shafer Reporting. The balance brought forward on Aug 19, 2018 was \$100.00. Total income (from DOIN'S Ads & Caller/Cuer Directory Listings) was \$956.00 and total expenses (postage) was \$6.70. A check for \$949.30 was given to the Federation. The ending balance on Oct 21, 2018, is \$100.00

Promotions and Advertising: Jack & Becky Rockaway reporting. Grant request from Ramblers in the NW District for \$300. We need to order a few more square dance signs. Carolyn Ahart asked if she could get some round dance signs. Jack will look into this.

State Festival Site Screening: No Report.

Insurance Coordinator: Jim Weber reporting. As of Oct 21, 2018, we have 1,283 dancers insured through Missouri Federation; 335 dancers insured through other federations; for a total of 1,618 Missouri dancers. (49 Missouri Clubs). 19 clubs have paid their 2019 Ins. Premiums.

Clubs holding lessons: you **MUST** submit the club sponsored class form. There is no cost to cover new dancers in lessons. Once your new dancers graduate they are no longer insured until they join a club and pay the insurance premium and the club submits an additional enrollment form. If your class continues in 2019 you **MUST** resubmit your club lesson form for 2019.

As new members join your club, make sure you send in an additional enrollment form. They are not insured until the national insurance coordinator receives the enrollment form.

Remember to complete an accident form for **ALL accidents** that occur at your dance, even if they appear minor at the time.

The 2019 insurance packets were mailed in September; the 2019 insurance premium will remain the same \$4.75 per dancer.

DO NOT use the 2018 Insurance forms, this will just slow things down, because I will have to send them back to you. Please use the 2019 insurance forms in the packet.

For your club to receive the \$50 club reimbursement, your 2019 Club State dues must be paid by your district to the State Treasurer and the Insurance Chairman has received your club 2019 insurance forms by the November 1, 2018 deadline.

Financial Report: Beginning balance as of August 19, 2018, is \$336.66; total income of \$33.25 and expenses of \$245.06 leaves us an ending balance on Oct 20, 2018, of \$124.85.

Travel Missouri: Jim Marron reporting. Absent. No Report.

Blue Bird Coordinator: Madeline Hall reporting. The bluebirds have been made and are of good quality. They have been bagged in groups of 11 (10 for skirts & 1 for mans shirt) and there is 10 yards of blue braid in the packages to be sold. I priced the package at \$15. That includes a set of directions. This price reflects a profit of approximately \$3.70 per package. Which will help to offset the cost of material, baggies and postage, if needed.

I displayed them at the State Festival and sold 2 sets for an income of \$30. I have a request for reimbursement for costs to make the birds and supplies to create the packages in the amount of \$42.35. There are more packages to be sold.

Webmaster: Dan Wheeler reporting. If you get an E-Mail from the SquareDanceMissouri.com team, delete it. It will tell you to enter your password to verify your E-Mail. It will tell you that if you don't do it, all your E-Mail will be deleted. Don't do it. Delete the E-Mail.

There are actually a very few of you who have Square Dance Missouri or We Square Dance E-Mail addresses with passwords, so it shouldn't be a problem. However, if the sender is sending the E-Mail to addresses on my domains, he may be doing it on other domains.

Almost all the E-Mail addresses on Square Dance Missouri or We Square Dance are *auto forwarder* addresses. They do not store any E-Mail anywhere. They forward the E-Mail to your real E-Mail address. Therefore, there is no E-Mail being stored to be deleted.

There is one actual We Square Dance E-Mail address. She got the E-Mail to enter her password. She did it, and it took me a week to figure out how to get her E-Mail working again.

Just for the record. There is no SquareDanceMissouri.com team. I'm it.

So far this month, The Missouri Festival website has had about 650 hits and about 2600 for the year. The Missouri Federation has had about 800 hits so far this month and almost 1100 for the year.

I have told you that there are about 20 years Missouri Federation Minutes available On the Missouri Federation website. There are also district meeting minutes *from* Southwest and northwest district meetings. Your district minutes can be there if you send them to me. Please send them to me in MS Word (doc) format. You can do that using Word or Open Office, And Please Use any font other than Calibri.

For the first time this year there were special "Smart Phone Ready" web page caller schedules on the Missouri Festival website. I hope some of your used them. These are not "Apps". I don't know how to write apps, and it is expensive to get an app listed on your cell phone menu.

The 2019 Missouri Festival website is up and running. All registration forms are available there.

I am removing the prices from the Blue Bird pages pending receiving new up to date information.

Jean & I will be on vacation October 26 through November 9. The program director told me that I will have internet at all the hotels where we will be.

Historian: Dan Wheeler reporting. I have started an obituary page. It has links to all the obituaries that I have had on the website in the past. I am not making a big thing about it on the website. There is no button on the left side of the page to take you directly to it. *Its* purpose is strictly historical. If you want to see it, there are links to it from the History and Archive buttons.

I want to thank the people who got me the information so quickly about Van Greenwood. I was able to get an announcement on the website Sunday afternoon, and the complete obituary uploaded Monday afternoon.

I would prefer to put obituaries on the website only for people known in the state. Since this is a requirement that has no real definition, I will leave it up to you. If you know of someone who dies who you think should have his obituary there, send me the information and I will put it on the website. I will not argue with you about it. However, I would encourage you that none of you die off early just to get your obituary on the website. It's really not worth it.

License Plate: Sharon White. Absent. No Report.

USDA: (United Square Dancers of America) Edythe Weber reporting. The winter meeting will be Jan 24-26, 2019 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The Eastern Region Vice Presidents have planned a full weekend of activities, including a dance at a local club and some sightseeing.

ARTS: (Alliance of Rounds, Traditional & Square Dance) Edythe Weber reporting. We have the license plate covers here for sale, \$5 each. Several people purchased at the August meeting in Eldon, and we ran out.

District Presidents' Report: Bob Turner reporting. Meeting Dates/Districts for 2019 is as follows:

Feb 17 (17th is subject to change) – NW District

April 14 (District Dance April 13) – NE District

June 2 – Central District

Aug 18 – St. Louis District

Oct 20 – SW District in Springfield (weekend of State Festival)

Dec 15 – WC District

WC District Dance is Dec 8, 2018 in Chillicothe, with the next state meeting Dec 9.

Talked about facilities not having to be so big in the future. Every club should participate for “Toot Your Horn” since its mostly about advertising.

Youth and Children’s Dance: Sharon & Larry Crisel reporting. No Report.

Missouri Federation Scholarship: Robert Turner reporting. We received a thank you letter from Hannah Gentry, the 2018 Scholarship winner. Letter is attached. We received an update from Sharon White, on her grandson, who was the winner of the very first scholarship. He’s in Georgia training for a job similar to TSA Inspector. He appreciates the help he received through the Scholarship. His college major was criminal justice.

2018 State Festival: Larry & Sharon Crisel reporting. Our unofficial attendance was 412-418. (we had about 125 register at the door). Between \$1,000 - \$1,100 was raised from the silent auction. Winners of cash raffle - \$300 Carol Dodd, \$150 John Robbins and \$50 Jan Vaughn. Winner of the Branson get-a-way to Branson at the “Stone Castle Lodge” was Clevea Roth. Winner of the quilt was Virginia Vinyard (Nancy Wheelers sister). Winners of the 50/50 pot – Friday night Penny Byers \$94 and Saturday night Madeline Hall \$140. Dan Wheeler did a fantastic job getting all info on the website. Our Committee Chairmen and helpers made our job very easy. A big thank you to Kenny Bailey for helping John Stuart with the sound. The final report and payment to the state will be made next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

National Convention: Carl and Cindy Boone. A big thank you to all that helped. You all made this a huge success. People were saying this was one of the best Nationals they’ve ever been to. That’s because we all worked together as a team. Some ranked it in the top 10, others ranked it in the top 5. Ways & Means items were donated to State, they raised \$257 from the table this weekend. The 67th NSDC Shirts were donated to the Warrensburg & Cameron VA’s as a service project. We have 41 extra belt buckles, lots of bolos and pins. If you want any, let me know. All bills were paid except the Marriott. We were 310 rooms short - \$45,000. We have offered them \$37,000, we are hoping they will accept that.

2019 State Festival: Catherine McLemore reporting. Approximately 70 dancers registered so far. Sold almost all t-shirts & polos during festival weekend, so we will be ordering more in the next day or two. We will try to have shirts and registration table at all district dances and as many other dances as possible. We have had a donation of a 14K gold and diamond ring for a

raffle prize. Discussed benefits of staying at the Oasis hotel - \$95 room rate, nice full breakfast, all-inclusive venue, free dry camping on back parking lot. All food & non-alcoholic beverages bought through the Oasis catering will be deducted from facility rental fee. There are many restaurants of all price points in the immediate area. The Holiday Inn and Double Tree will also honor the room rate when the Oasis is filled, with free shuttle to/from. We will now accelerate our efforts in promotion and fund raising.

Square Dancer of the Year: Carolyn Goucher reporting. Ralph & Sarah Meservey from Peppy Promenaders Club in WC District.

Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame: Dan Reedy reporting. Lynn Nelson of B-N-R Squares

New Business

Ron Selfers: Proposed a change to the Standing Rules.

Current Standing Rules Related to Memorials:

Article XII Officer Memorials

Section 1. A suitable floral arrangement will be sent upon the death of a present elected officer of the federation as defined in Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. Also included as recipients of floral arrangements upon death will be the past presidents.

Section 3. A suitable floral arrangement or monetary donation to a charitable organization will be sent upon notification of death of a state caller or cuer.

Section 4. Floral arrangements and/or donations will be of a reasonable amount not to exceed \$75.00 per memorial.

Article XIII Federation Member Memorials

The Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. will donate a one-quarter page of The Doin's publication for a memorial for a recently deceased member of the federation. A full page will be donated for a deceased president of past president of the federation.

Proposed Standing Rule Changes Related to Memorials:

Article XII Officer Memorials

Section 1. A suitable floral arrangement or monetary donation to a charitable organization will be sent upon notification of the death of any of the following individuals

- A. A present elected officer of the Federation as defined in Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws
- B. A past president of the Federation
- C. A recipient of Square Dancer of the Year or Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame Award
- D. A present or past state caller or cuer

Section 2. A floral arrangement or charitable donation will be of a reasonable amount, not to exceed \$75.00 per memorial.

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Section 1. Based on a request by a district or club president, the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs, Inc. will donate a one-quarter page of The Doin's publication for a memorial for a recently deceased member of the Federation. The requesting district or club will provide the contents of the memorial to The Doin's editor.

Section 2. The Federation President, in coordination with the appropriate district President, will prepare a full-page memorial for publication in The Doin's for a deceased president or past president of the Federation.

After much discussion about whether the Standing Rules needed to be changed or not, it was decided that the SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) books need to be updated, made more user friendly and put online. Some of us didn't even know what this was. Evidently, everyone who serves on the board should have one of these "little white books". President Ron Selfors would like to see a one-time special committee to help since Merle is so busy with other stuff. Edythe volunteered to be the Chair of this committee and work with Dan to get it put online. Liz volunteered to help. After we get it online, each person holding a position, needs to go through and update their section stating what exactly it is they do, and get it to Edythe.

Dan Reedy: Caller/Cuer for 2021 Missouri Federation Dance. The committee recommends the caller be KO Jeanes. Cost would be \$800- and two-nights lodging. And the cuers be Paul & Linda Robinson. Cost would be \$350- and two-nights lodging. Total expenditure is \$1100 plus two rooms for two nights.

Bob Turner: The Marvin & Betty Fluke Competition and the Bill Morris Scholarship monies have been used. We have changed the Bill Morris Scholarship to the "Missouri Federation Scholarship" already. We need to treat both the same. After some discussion, Fred Goucher moved to change the name of the Marvin & Betty Fluke Competition to "The Last Missouri Federation Square Standing." Motion was seconded and carried.

Dave & Penny Byers: District Boundaries. We didn't send any of this info out yet because we don't want to have a lengthy conversation about it today at our meeting. We want you to take it to your clubs, discuss it, and bring back some feedback at our next meeting. We have spent many hours collecting information and getting it all put in one place so you have a visual of how many clubs/dancers we have in each district. One map/info sheet is the "NOW" pages and the other map/info sheet is the "PROPOSED". We have moved some boundaries, moved some clubs into different districts, trying to make the numbers a little more even. This is nothing set in stone. We are just not people who will bring problems to your attention without trying to help come up with a solution. It's very important we get something done ASAP. (Maps & info sheets attached).

Nominating Committee: Dan Reedy. The Nominating Committee Recommends the following slate of officers:

President – John & Bev Stuart

1st VP – Jack & Becky Rockaway

2nd VP – Merle & Madeline Hall

3rd VP – Fred & Carolyn Goucher

Secretary – Penny & Dave Byers

Treasurer – Rosa Davis

Past President – Ron & Marie Selfors

President Ron Selfors asked if there were any other nominations from the floor for President. Hearing none, he asked a second time if there were any nominations from the floor for President. Jim Weber moved all nominations cease. Motion was seconded and passed.

President Ron Selfors then went down the list and asked three times for each office, if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing no other nominations from the floor for any office, Jim Weber moved to accept this slate of officers for 2019 by acclamation. Motion was seconded and carried.

Carl & Cindy donated one of the banners from the 67th Nationals in Kansas City to the Missouri Federation, we would like everyone who helped make it a success to please sign it.

Jim Weber donated a laptop for the Circulation Manager. Rosa Davis moved that the secretary draft a letter and send it to Jim for tax purposes. Motion was seconded and carried.

Calendar of Events

- November 4 – Benefit Dance for Bill/Phyllis Cochran for medical costs. St Mary Catholic Church 1551 Bill Virdon Blvd, West Plains MO 65775 – 2-4 pm. For more info call Raymond at 417.256.2080 or Mary Bouthillier at 417.284.7141.
- December 8 – WC District Dance – Chillicothe – Caller Dan Preedy, Spokane WA – 7:30 to 10 pm.
- Kountry Kouzins will have NO dance in November
- March 16, 2019 – NE District, Brookfield Tanglefoot Squares – Hog Roast / Square Dance. Callers Leroy Conrad & Kenny Bailey (the last year these two will call this dance together)

The next state board meeting will be December 9 in Chillicothe, Mo. The WC District will host.

A motion was made by Jack Rockaway to adjourn, was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Penny & Dave Byers, Secretary